



Special Commission of Inquiry into LGBTIQ hate crimes

Statement of Caitlin Healey-Nash

5 February 2023

This statement made by me accurately sets out the evidence that I would be prepared, if necessary to give to the Special Commission of Inquiry into LGBTIQ hate crimes (“the Inquiry”) as a witness. This statement has been prepared from my own knowledge and also from perusing the records of the Inquiry. The statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

1. My name is Caitlin Clare Healey-Nash. My address is known to the Inquiry.
2. I am employed as a Senior Solicitor by the Inquiry.
3. In the course of my duties, I have reviewed and conducted inquiries in relation to the death of David Lloyd-Williams, who died on 24 August 1978 at North Head, Manly.

Information from Sue Thompson

4. Material provided to the Inquiry includes an Excel spreadsheet titled “Possible Gay Hate Murders List” prepared by Sue Thompson.¹ For the matter of “David Lloyd Williams”, Ms Thompson includes the following information:

Details: “body found naked, clothes folded”

Source: “dave davies – friend”

Information from David Davies

5. A statement of former Detective Chief Inspector Pamela Young dated 13 July 2014 was also produced to the Inquiry in a related matter. This statement identifies “David Davies” as “Justice David Davies”. By August 2022, counsel assisting the Inquiry was able to identify that the “Dave Davies” referred to by Ms Thompson was likely to be Justice David Davies of the Common Law Division of the New South Wales Supreme Court. The Inquiry was then able to make contact with Justice Davies.
6. I have been made aware that Justice Davies advised the Inquiry that he had been a friend of Mr Lloyd-Williams through their shared interest in church music. Justice Davies confirmed that he had heard a suggestion at some time that Mr Lloyd-Williams’ clothes had been found folded at the top of the cliff above which his body was found. Although uncertain as to when and where he

¹ Excel spreadsheet titled ‘Possible Gay Hate Murders List’ provided to Michael Willing by Sue Thompson in about 2013 (Exhibit 6, Tab 56B).

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had heard this, Justice Davies thought that it may have been from a mutual friend, Dr Neil McEwan.

Conference with Dr Neil McEwan

7. On 23 August 2022, members of the Inquiry's Legal Team conferred with Dr McEwan, who confirmed that had been a friend of Mr Lloyd-Williams.
8. Dr McEwan advised that he and Mr Lloyd-Williams had a mutual interest in church music and first met when Mr Lloyd-Williams auditioned for a church choir in Mosman. Dr McEwan and Mr Lloyd-Williams became good friends and were flatmates for a period of time before Mr Lloyd-Williams married Christine Worton. Subsequently, Dr McEwan became aware that the marriage had ended, and last had contact with Mr Lloyd-Williams shortly before his death.
9. Although he was not sure, Dr McEwan's best recollection was that Justice Davies (not at that stage a member of the judiciary) had contacted him at the time and informed him of Mr Lloyd-Williams' death.
10. Although Dr McEwan had had an understanding for some time that Mr Lloyd-Williams' clothes were found folded in a neat pile, he did not know when or from whom he heard this information.
11. Dr McEwan stated that, to his knowledge, Mr Lloyd-Williams was not gay. While Dr McEwan knew that an area at North Head was a gay beat, he did not know where in particular Mr Lloyd-Williams' body was found and has always held the view that Mr Lloyd-Williams' death was suicide.

Further inquiries with Ms Thompson

12. On 23 September 2022, a telephone inquiry was made to Ms Thompson by counsel assisting the Inquiry about the initial inclusion of Mr Lloyd-Williams' matter in her table of suspected gay-hate homicides and whether she had any information concerning the suggestion that Mr Lloyd-Williams' body was found naked and that his clothes were folded at the top of the cliff.
13. Ms Thompson advised counsel assisting that her understanding was that, in 2013, Justice Davies had given an account to that effect to [185] (the sister of a man whose body was found at the base of a cliff at North Head in 1988). Ms Thompson's recollection was that [185] [185's] brother, [183], passed this on to Ms Thompson, which is how she came to know of it.

Signature: 

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